Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program

Program Update

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Presentation Overview

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New for 2011

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- **California Modified Assessment (CMA)**
  - English language-arts (ELA) grades ten and eleven
  - Geometry
- **Fall Field Testing**
  - Week of September 13, 2010
- **Standard Setting and Performance Levels**
  - CMA for ELA, in grade nine
  - CMA for Life Science
  - CMA Algebra I

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Returning for 2011

- **California Standards Test (CST)**
  - Writing for grade four
- **CMA**
  - Writing for grade four

Administered:
  - Tuesday, March 1, 2011
  - Tuesday, May 3, 2011

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Legislative Update

SB 930

Requires pupils with limited English proficiency, enrolled in a school in the U.S. for less than three consecutive years to take a second achievement test in their primary language indefinitely, along with other STAR Program assessments

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Legislative Update (cont.)

SB 930 Advisory Committee

1. How to include primary language assessments and their scores in the state's assessment and accountability systems

2. How to modify the linguistic complexity of the state's successor to the CSTs

3. How to include English learner (EL) accommodations in the state's successor assessment system

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Legislative Update (cont.)

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Amendment to and Addition of Various Budget Bill Items

- Restore fourth grade writing

- Develop a Longitudinal Academic Growth Model

- Study the alignment of the CMA to California's content standards in ELA, mathematics, and science.

- Conduct a consequential validity study for the CST, CMA, and California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA) assessments

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STAR Program Security

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- District Coordinators sign **STAR Security Agreement**

- Designation Forms

- Test Site coordinators and anyone having access to test materials sign **STAR Security Affidavit**

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STAR Program Security (cont.)

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- **Testing Irregularities**
  - Circumstances that may compromise the reliability and validity of test results. *California Code of Regulations*, Title 5, (5 *CCR*)

- **Impact on Academic Performance Index (API)**
  - The local educational agencies (LEAs) notify the CDE and the AAAD confirms that there were testing irregularities at a school affecting five percent or more of students tested.
    - **Numerator**: Number of students affected by the testing irregularity
    - **Denominator**: Number of students tested in the school

- **API Exclusion Rule**
  - If the record shows a testing irregularity, it is included in the Base API but is not included in the Growth API.

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STAR Program Security (cont.)

- *Inappropriate* **Student Test Preparation**
  - " …shall not carry on any program of specific preparation of pupils for the statewide pupil assessment program or a particular test used therein." *Education Code* Section 60611(a)

- *Appropriate* **Student Test Preparation**
  - " …instructional materials are embedded in an instructional program that is intended to improve pupil learning." *Education Code* Section 60611(b)

- **Coordinator Responsibility**
  - Provide notification of any security breaches or testing irregularities that occur in the administration of the test 5*CCR* Sections 858 (b)(11) and 857(b)(9)] **Do not include the names of staff members or students involved.**

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Processing Facts

- **Extended Data Corrections**
  - Process by which incorrect Pre-ID data may be corrected, or missing data may be added, *during the test administration window*

- **Demographic Data Corrections**
  - School districts opting to correct data errors can do so between September 22, 2010 through October 29, 2010
  - Submit "Request to Correct 2010 STAR CST/CMA and CAPA Demographic Data" form to Education Testing Services (ETS) by October 8, 2010

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Processing Facts (cont.)

Data Corrections Include:

- Correct student demographic data.
- Match writing tests for grade seven with multiple-choice tests
- Correct the identification of "unknown" or mislabeled CSTs for mathematics (grades seven through eleven) or science (grades nine through eleven) and have them scored or rescored
- Correct the identification of "unknown" or mislabeled CMA for mathematics for grade seven

Please see "Fields That May Be Corrected" for a specific list.

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Processing Facts (cont.)

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- **Fields That May Not Be Corrected:**
  - County/District/School Code
  - District Name
  - School Name
  - Grade Level of Test Taken (enrollment grade may be changed)

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Current Testing Window

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- **CST, CMA, CAPA, and STS**
  - 21-day window comprised of 10 days before and 10 days after the day on which 85% of all instructional days for the year are completed

- **Proposed Regulation Change**
  - 25-day window comprised of 12 days before and 12 days after the day on which 85% of all instructional days for the year are completed

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2010 Webcasts

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- **October 20, 2010**: 2011 Ordering Webcast

- **November 17, 2010**: 2011 Pre-ID Webcast

- Check http://**www.startest.org** (Outside Source)for schedules of upcoming workshops, Webcasts, CAPA trainings, and e-mails.

- Check your e-mails on a regular basis from ETS for announcements and information about the STAR Program.

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Contact Information

Information about:
- CSTs, CMA, CAPA, and STS
- Test administration policies and procedures

STAR Office
California Department of Education
Web site: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/ (Outside Source)
Telephone: 916-445-8765
E-mail: star@cde.ca.gov

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Contact Information (cont.)

Information about:
- Ordering, shipping, and receiving testing materials and reports
- Using the STAR Management System

ETS STAR Technical Assistance Center (STAR TAC)
Web site: http://www.startest.org/
Telephone: 800-955-2954
E-mail: star@ets.org

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Contact Information (cont.)

Information about:
- Academic Performance Index (API)
- Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)
- All issues related to the impact of STAR results on accountability

Academic Accountability and Psychometrics Unit (AAP)
California Department of Education
Web site: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ar/
Telephone: 916-319-0863
E-mail: aau@cde.ca.gov

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Contact Information (cont.)

Information about:

CDE Evaluation, Research, and Analysis Unit
Telephone: 916-319-0875
E-mail:evaluation@cde.ca.gov

CDE Special Education Division, Assessment, Evaluation, and Support Office
Web site: http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se/ds/distdatarpts.asp

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Internet Resources

- http://www.startest.org (Outside Source)
- http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/
- http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/resources.asp
- http://star.cde.ca.gov
- http://cde.ca.gov/sp/se/
- http://www.starsamplequestions.org (Outside Source)

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